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SUBJECT: FUTURE PLANS OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT SURVEY COMMITTEE

1. MASAFUMI SHIBATA OF THE ENRICHMENT SURVEY COMMITTEE (ESC)
VISITED TOKYO AEC DEC 12 TO EXPLAIN CURRENT STATUS AND PLANS.

2. ESC TO CONTINUE WORK ON ESC/UEA PHASE I STUDY UNTIL MARCH
1975 AT WHICH TIME ESC WILL BE ABOLISHED. ENRICHMENT REPRO-
CESSING GROUP (ERG) THEN WILL ASSUME ESC RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PLANNING FUTURE JAPANESE ENRICHMENT SERVICES AS WELL AS FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF JAPAN'S FIRST URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT. ESC
IN AN INTERIM REPORT IS RECOMMENDING ERG PARTICIPATE WITH
THE UEA IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GASEOUS DIFFUSION URANIUM
ENRICHMENT PLANT UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A. THAT UEA HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE AEC AS STATED BY
JEROME KOMES, BECHTEL, IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE JCAE ON
DEC 3, 1974 AND REPORTED IN DEC 5 NUCLEONICS WEEK.

B. US UTILITIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT
UEA CAN BUILD A COMMERCIAL ENRICHMENT PLANT BY SIGNING
CONTRACTS FOR ENRICHING SERVICES FOR FUTURE NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS.

C. BECHTEL IS SUCCESSFUL IN FINDING BUSINESS PARTNERS
WHO TOGETHER WITH BECHTEL WILL HAVE FINANCIAL AND
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TECHNICAL RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR CONDUCT OF URANIUM

ENRICHMENT BUSINESS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF PLANT.

3. SHIBATA GAVE FOLLOWING ESC CALENDAR:

DEC 13 REPORT TO ELECTRIC POWER COMPANIES' PRESIDENTS;
DEC 19 REPORT TO ESC STEERING BOARD;
DEC 24 REPORT TO JAPAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION;
BY DEC 31 CLOSE ESC SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AND MR. GOTO
RETURNS TO JAPAN. KAGEYAMA REMAINS AS LIAISON;
WEEK OF JAN 20, 1975 REPORT TO ESC GENERAL ASSEMBLY;
MR. KAGEYAMA RETURNS TO JAPAN FROM SAN FRANCISCO;
MARCH 1975 ESC DISBANDS.
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